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## DIGEST

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HB No. 983

**Abstract:** Requires the Dept. of Health and Hospitals to prepare a Medicaid beneficiary employer report to be submitted to the legislature on a quarterly basis.

Proposed law may be cited as the "Public Assistance Beneficiary Employer Disclosure Act".

Proposed law defines "department" as the Dept. of Health and Hospitals (DHH).

Proposed law defines "Medicaid" and "medical assistance program" as the medical assistance program provided for in Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act and administered by DHH.

Proposed law defines "Medicaid beneficiary" as a person who receives medical assistance under Titles XIX or XXI of the federal Social Security Act, as amended.

Proposed law defines "report" as the La. Health Care Responsibility Report.

Proposed law requires DHH to prepare a Medicaid beneficiary employer report to be submitted to the legislature on a quarterly basis. The report shall be known as the "La. Health Care Responsibility Report".

Proposed law requires DHH to aid in the preparation of the report and to implement policies and procedures to acquire information required by the report.

Proposed law provides that information sources may include but are not limited to the following:

- (1) Information required at the time of application to the medical assistance program or during the yearly reverification process.
- (2) Information that is accumulated from a vendor contracting with the state of La. to identify available insurance.
- (3) Information that is voluntarily submitted by La. employers.

Proposed law requires the report to provide the following information for each employer who has 50 or more employees that are a Medicaid beneficiary, the spouse of a Medicaid beneficiary, or a custodial parent of a Medicaid beneficiary:

- (1) The name of the qualified employer.
- (2) The number of employees who are either Medicaid beneficiaries or are a financially responsible spouse or custodial parent of a Medicaid beneficiary under Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act, listed as a percentage of the qualified employer's La. workforce.
- (3) The number of employees who are either Medicaid beneficiaries or are a financially responsible spouse or custodial parent of a Medicaid beneficiary under Title XXI of the federal Social Security Act (SCHIP), listed as a percentage of the qualified employer's La. workforce.
- (4) For each employer, the number of employees who are Medicaid beneficiaries, the number of employees who are a financially responsible spouse or custodial parent of a Medicaid beneficiary, and the number of Medicaid beneficiaries who are a spouse or a minor child less than 19 years of age of an employee under Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act.
- (5) For each employer, the number of employees who are Medicaid beneficiaries, the number of employees who are a financially responsible spouse or a custodial parent of a Medicaid beneficiary, and the number of Medicaid beneficiaries who are a spouse or a minor child less than 19 years of age of an employee under Title XXI of the federal Social Security Act.
- (6) Whether the reported Medicaid beneficiaries are full-time or part-time employees.
- (7) Information on whether the employer offers health insurance benefits to full-time and part-time employees, their spouses, and their dependents.
- (8) Information on whether employees receive health insurance benefits through the employer when the state of La. pays some or all of the premiums for such health insurance benefits.
- (9) The cost to the state of La. of providing Medicaid benefits for the employer's employees and enrolled dependents listed as total cost and per capita cost.

Proposed law requires the report to make industry-wide comparisons by sorting employers into industry categories based on available information from the Dept. of Economic Development.

Proposed law requires DHH, if it is determined that a Medicaid beneficiary has more than one employer, to count the beneficiary as a portion of one person for each employer for purposes of the report.

Proposed law requires the report to be issued no more than 120 days after the end of each calendar quarter, starting with the third calendar quarter of 2014.

Proposed law requires a copy of the report containing aggregated data with no identifying information shall be made available for public viewing on DHH's website.

(Adds R.S. 40:1300.381-1300.383)